## BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1 **COMMISSIONERS** 3 GARY PIERCE, Chairman 4 **BOB STUMP** SANDRA KENNEDY 5 PAUL NEWMAN **BRENDA BURNS** IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DOCKET NO. E-01345A-11-0224 ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR A 8 HEARING TO DETERMINE THE FAIR VALUE OF THE UTILITY PROPERTY OF THE COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RATE OF 10 RETURN THEREON, AND TO APPROVE RATE 11 SCHEDULES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH **RETURN** 12 13 14 15 16 **TESTIMONY OF** 17 **CYNTHIA ZWICK** SUPPORTING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 18 19 January 18, 2012 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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- Have you previously filed testimony in this case?
- A1 Yes, I have.
- Q2 What is the purpose of the testimony you are filing today?
- A2 I am filing this testimony in support of the Settlement Agreement filed with this Commission on January 6, 2012.
- Q3 Please state your support for this Settlement Agreement.

income rates as requested by the Company.

I intervened in this case in order to address the issues faced by low-income Arizonans throughout the APS service territory, a population that has grown significantly since the settlement of the last case and the filing of this case. I have participated in a majority of the settlement discussions and have been able to express the concerns about the case originally filed by APS (the Company). I have also gained an enhanced understanding of the complex issues being dealt with in this case, the various parties' positions and the need to balance the concerns of all parties in the best interest of the APS customers.

This Agreement revises the income eligibility guideline for the funding remaining in the previously approved \$5 million program by making those families with a household income up to 200% of the federal poverty level, eligible for assistance.

Additionally, my position going into this case was to hold the low-income customers harmless through a variety of means, and the Settlement Agreement as presented to the Commission does just that, through an increase in discounted rates that will be provided

those eligible customers, while at the same time simplifying the structure of the low-

1	Q4	Why do you recommend Commission approval of this Settlement Agreement?
2	A4	I believe that this Settlement Agreement represents a just and reasonable outcome for
3		APS customers, and deserves the Commissions approval.
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5	Q5	Does that conclude your testimony?
6	A5	Yes, it does, thank you.
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